

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 47 (Cancel)

48. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

transmitting an activation signal from a presence detector to an interface unit connected in a series connection between a computer and a keyboard;

in response to the activation signal, receiving an identification signal at the presence detector, the identification signal comprising a user identifier that identifies a user associated with a transponder;

when the presence detector determines that the user is in the vicinity of the computer, sending a signal from the presence detector to the interface unit;

sending a keyboard signal from the interface unit over the series connection to the computer, the keyboard signal comprising the user identifier;

querying for a user profile associated with the user identifier;

accessing the user profile to determine actions ~~at least one action~~ to be executed in response to the user identifier;

instructing the computer to deactivate a screen saver in response to the activation signal;

~~executing the at least one action, the at least one action comprising i) instructing the computer to take no action, ii) instructing the computer to request a home web page, iii) instructing the computer to receive emails, and iv) instructing the computer to deactivate a screen saver;~~

sending the user identifier to a presence database;

querying the presence database for other user identifiers associated with the user identifier; and

receiving presence updates identifying presence of the other user identifiers.

49. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, further comprising launching

an application in response to the user identifier.

50. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, further comprising launching an application based on a time of day and on the user identifier.
51. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, further comprising launching an application that retrieves weather and traffic information.
52. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 48, further comprising ~~wherein executing the at least one action comprises~~ denying access to the computer when an aggregate amount of access is exceeded.
53. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 48, further comprising requesting a refresh of a webpage ~~wherein executing the at least one action comprises requesting information for a webpage.~~
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58. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a processor executing instructions stored in memory that cause the processor to:

transmit ~~means for transmitting~~ an activation signal from a presence detector to an interface unit connected in a series connection between a computer and a keyboard;

in response to the activation signal, receive ~~means for receiving~~ an identification signal at the presence detector, the identification signal comprising a user identifier that identifies a user associated with a transponder;

when the presence detector determines that the user is in the vicinity of the computer, ~~send means for sending~~ a signal from the presence detector to the interface unit;

~~send means for sending~~ a keyboard signal from the interface unit over the series connection to the computer, the keyboard signal comprising the user identifier;

~~query means for querying~~ for a user profile associated with the user identifier;

~~access means for accessing~~ the user profile to determine actions ~~at least one action~~ to be executed in response to the user identifier;

instruct the computer to deactivate a screen saver, request a home web page, receive emails, and launch a telephone dialer in response to the activation signal;

transmit a presence indicator from the presence detector to a set top box;

configure the set top box to turn on a television, tune to a specific channel, and adjust a volume in response to the activation signal;

~~means for executing the at least one action, the at least one action comprising i) instructing the computer to take no action, ii) instructing the computer to request a home web page, iii) instructing the computer to receive emails, and iv) instructing the computer to deactivate a screen saver;~~

~~send means for sending~~ the user identifier to a presence database;

~~query means for querying~~ the presence database for other user identifiers associated with the user identifier; and

~~receive means for receiving~~ presence updates identifying presence of the other user identifiers.

59. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 58, further comprising means for launching an application in response to the user identifier.
60. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 58, further comprising means for launching an application based on a time of day and on the user identifier.
61. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 59, further comprising means for

launching an application that retrieves weather and traffic information.

62. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 58, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to deny ~~wherein the means for executing the at least one action comprises means for denying~~ access to the computer when an aggregate amount of access is exceeded.
63. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 58, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to refresh ~~means for executing the at least one action comprises means for requesting information for a webpage.~~
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68. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium ~~media~~ storing processor executable instructions for performing a method, the method comprising:

transmitting an activation signal from a presence detector to an interface unit connected in a series connection between a computer and a keyboard;

in response to the activation signal, receiving an identification signal at the presence detector, the identification signal comprising a user identifier that identifies a user associated with a transponder;

when the presence detector determines that the user is in the vicinity of the computer, sending a signal from the presence detector to the interface unit;

sending a keyboard signal from the interface unit over the series connection to the computer, the keyboard signal comprising the user identifier;

querying for a user profile associated with the user identifier;

accessing the user profile to determine actions ~~at least one action~~ to be executed in

response to the user identifier;

instructing the computer to deactivate a screen saver, request a home web page, receive emails, and launch a telephone dialer in response to the activation signal;

transmitting a presence indicator from the presence detector to a set top box;

configuring the set top box to turn on a television, tune to a specific channel, and adjust a volume in response to the activation signal;

~~executing the at least one action, the at least one action comprising i) instructing the computer to take no action, ii) instructing the computer to request a home web page, iii) instructing the computer to receive emails, and iv) instructing the computer to deactivate a screen saver;~~

sending the user identifier to a presence database;

querying the presence database for other user identifiers associated with the user identifier; and

receiving presence updates identifying presence of the other user identifiers.

69. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media according to claim 68, further comprising instructions for launching an application in response to the user identifier.
70. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media according to claim 68, further comprising instructions for launching an application based on a time of day and on the user identifier.
71. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media according to claim 69, further comprising instructions for launching an application that retrieves weather and traffic information.
72. (Original) The computer readable media according to claim 68, further comprising instructions for denying access to the computer when an aggregate amount of access is exceeded.

73. (Currently Amended) The computer readable media according to claim 68, further comprising instructions for refreshing ~~requesting information for~~ a webpage.
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